


## Norton Parish Council - Jack's patch play area inspection report

This report will be produced monthly by the NVCA for the NPC, the operator, inspections may be conducted more regular dependent upon use of the area, weather conditions, reports received etc. In addition to regular visual inspections and the monthly reports the play area is inspected annually for the NPC by a professional independent organisation.

<b>Date of inspection</b>	<b>21-08-2018</b>
<b>Inspected by</b>	 <b>Tim Kirby</b>

Item to be inspected	Control measure guide	Risk	Action taken or required
Site cleanliness	Remove any rubbish from site, animal fouling.	L	Litter removed.
Gate	Condition, hinges, closer, +12mm gaps at side	L	
Fencing/Hedges	Condition, panels, posts, no nails/bolts showing, do not climb & rules signs.	L	
Land retain posts	Condition, secure.	L	Several posts between the swing area and bark surface are rotting (about 6) and 2 shorter by grass area and should be replaced.
Planting trees and grass	Grass cut, shrubs & trees controlled, limited weeds, even surfaces.	L	Site hedges and trees need cutting back; Cherry tree is now getting too big for the site and should be cut back or removed.
Bark play surface	Even distribution, depth min 200/300mm, not compacted, limited weeds, no trips.	L	Seedlings and weeds around the multi play unit, mostly killed off with weed killed others picked out.
Multiplay Unit Tower - steps	Condition, loose steps, slip.	L	
Tower - cargo net	Condition, secure, frayed cable, wear to eye bolts, shackles & links.	L	
Tower - climbing wall	Condition, secure, climb blocks tight.	L	
Tower - slide	Condition, secure, bolts, no cracks or obstructions on chute.	L	
Tower – platforms	Condition, secure, guard rails, no splinters.	L	
Tower - roof & posts	Condition, secure, no splinters, no climb sign.	L	
Swings - seats	Condition, secure, correctly fitted.	L	
Swings - frames	Condition, secure, anchored down.	L	
Swings - chains	Condition, secure, suspension shackle & pins wear, chain link wear, particular attention to moving parts.	L	Remove cover from shackle bolt annually & inspect for wear same for chain links. Replace at 30% wear. Last inspected June 2018. (Inspected on this visit).
Play panels	Condition, secure, no loose parts.	L	
Boulders	Condition, slips.	L	
Bench & picnic table	Condition, secure, no splinters or faults.	M	Picnic table top 3 planks are rotting this should be repaired or replaced. See action plan, NPC to replace.
Slabbed area	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Steps	Condition, secure, level.	L	
Signs	Ownership, contacts, rules in place.	L	

### Additional Comments

Wicksteed Playgrounds annual inspection was carried out in November 2017, see report. Action plan completed except for the Picnic table which now needs to be replaced ASAP. NPC action?

Site hedges and trees all need cutting back; Cherry tree is now getting too big for the site and should be cut back or removed. Can NPC instruct the village landscape/grass cutting contractor to carry out this work?

Several posts between the swing area and bark surface are rotting (about 6) and 2 shorter by grass area and should be replaced. In time all these posts will need replacing (several were replaced last year). Can NPC instruct the village landscape/grass cutting contractor to carry out this work?

Note; e mail to [clerk@nortonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@nortonpc.org.uk) before monthly NPC meeting (third Tuesday)